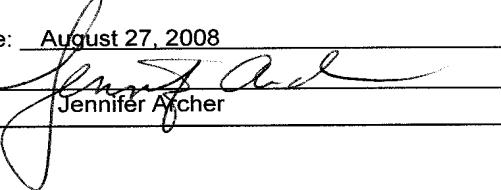


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08.

I. Timeliness, Fees and Certifications in lieu of Fees

This information disclosure statement is being filed after the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing of either a final action or a notice of allowance. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(c), consideration of this information disclosure statement requires a fee or a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e):

1. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

II. Copies of Listed References

Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO SB 08 are being supplied. Copies of U.S. patents are not included pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98 (a) (2) (ii).

III. Concise Statement of Relevance

All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, and, therefore, a concise statement of relevance is not required.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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